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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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DEPT PASS TREASURY - FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN

SUBJECT: SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA REQUESTS UNBLOCKING OF  
FUNDS AT FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK

1. SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR DON HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY REGARDING EMBASSY FUNDS NOW BLOCKED IN FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK ACCOUNT. HE STATES THAT THE TOTAL SUM, \$20,335.81 (DOLLARS TWENTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE AND EIGHTY ONE CENTS) IS NEEDED TO PAY LOCAL STAFF AND EXPENSES. HE ALSO STATES THAT HE HAS PAID THE STAFF FROM HIS PERSONAL FUNDS SINCE DECEMBER 1974, DATE OF LAST RECEIPT OF FUNDS. SAUDI RIYALS 530.20 (FIVE HUNDRED POINT TWO ZERO) ARE ALSO IN THE ACCOUNT.

2. CITY BANK HAS CONFIRMED THAT NO DEPOSITS WERE MADE TO EMBASSY ACCOUNT BETWEEN DECEMBER AND APRIL, BUT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM AVERAGE MONTHLY WITHDRAWALS. AMBASSADOR DON STATES THAT HIS AVERAGE PAYROLL AND EXPENSES TOTAL SR 7,500 (SR 3.485 EQUAL \$1).

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THIS AMOUNT BE UNBLOCKED. AMOUNT IS INSIGNIFICANT AS FAR AS FRAUD MIGHT GO, AND AMBASSADOR DON'S STORY IS PROBABLY TRUE. IF ACTION POSTPONED WE MAY RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES IF ALGERIANS TAKE  
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OVER VIETNAMESE EMBASSY (SEE REFTEL A).

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